

If you do walk be sure to be safe about it!

- Choose a route with sidewalks whenever they are available.
- If sidewalks are not available, walk facing traffic as far off the roadway as possible.
- Do not jaywalk. Always try to cross a street at a crosswalk or signaled intersection.
- Do not assume that a green light, a walk signal, or a crosswalk means the street is safe to cross. As some drivers may disregard traffic rules, you must be aware of vehicles even when you have the right-of-way.
- Call the school your child attends and ask where crossing guards are located. Crossing guards are highly visible and help to control traffic flow, making it easier for students to cross.
- Walk with a neighborhood companion. This doesn't have to be your best friend in the world, but someone who you can trust to help you if an emergency arises.

Drivers can make streets safer as well. Driving tips for pedestrian safety include the following:

- Yield to pedestrians. Do not attempt to pass in front of or around pedestrians while they are in a crosswalk.
- Obey the posted speed limit. The risk of a pedestrian being seriously injured from a collision rises rapidly with increasing speeds.
- Do not overcome or pass cars stopped at an intersection as these cars may be stopped for pedestrians. Pedestrians may get caught in an intersection when the light changes due to their age, a physical handicap, or a poorly timed crossing signal.
- When stopping at an intersection, stop well short of the crosswalk so as not to block pedestrian crossing signals.
- When making a right turn at a red light make sure to look to the right, as well as left, so as not to miss a crossing pedestrian.
- When operating a radio, cellular telephone, or lighting a cigarette, be attentive to pedestrians walking along the edge of a roadway. Doing any of these can divert a driver's attention long enough to hit a pedestrian.
- Watch for pedestrians who are walking with traffic or who are wearing headphones as they may not be aware of approaching vehicles.
- In rainy conditions, be aware that pedestrians may have more difficulty seeing vehicles especially if items such as umbrellas block their vision.
- Be vigilant in areas where children may dart out unexpectedly into traffic. These include residential and school areas, near school buses, and around ice cream trucks.

